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SUBJECT: MALAYSIAN MP'S SEDITION CASE APPEAL: PRIVY COUNCIL

ACTION EXPECTED SOON

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 804

1. FURTHER TO REFTEL, DEMOCRATIC ACTION PARTY (DAP) MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT OH KENG SENG TOLD EMBOFFS AT SOCIAL FUNCTION MARCH 3 THAT FELLOW DAP MP FAN YEW TENG CURRENTLY IS IN CHICAGO WHERE HE SUPPOSEDLY IS LOBBYING WITH U.S. CONGRESSMEN ON THE SUBJECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS OBSERVANCE IN MALAYSIA. ACCORDING TO OH, FAN HAS WRITTEN A "RATHER NASTY" LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER HUSSEIN ONN CRITICIZING THE PM IN PERSONAL TERMS FOR DETENTION OF TWO DAP POLITICIANS ARRESTED LAST NOVEMBER UNDER THE INTERNAL SECURITY ACT (ISA). OH SAID HE THOUGHT FAN CONSEQUENTLY WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO RETURN TO MALAYSIA AND WOULD PROBABLY SEEK AN EXTENSION OF HIS CURRENT ONE YEAR LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM PARLIAMENT DUE TO EXPIRE THIS MONTH.

2. COMMENT: PRIME MINISTER HUSSEIN ONN IS NOT RPT NOT REGARDED AS A VINDICATIVE PERSON BUT HE HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ENGAGED IN SOME HIGHLY PARTISAN VERBAL EXCHANGES IN PARLIAMENT WITH OPPOSITION LEADER LIM KIT SIANG, DAP SECRETARY GENERAL. IF FAN'S LETTER TO THE PM IS NOT RPT NOT MADE PUBLIC WE DOUBT HE WILL FACE PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF IT. IF, HOWEVER, THE LETTER IS PUBLISHED (E.G., BY THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL OR THE DAP JOURNAL "THE ROCKET")

AND CONTAINS INTEMPERATE REMARKS ON SENSITIVE
RACIAL OR SECURITY ISSUES FAN MIGHT BE SUBJECT TO
PROSECUTION ON HIS RETURN. BECAUSE OF THE
CREDIBILITY THAT WILL ATTACHE TO HIS LOBBYING
EFFORTS DERIVING FROM HIS STATUS AS AN MP, PLUS
THE FACT THAT HE IS ATTRACTIVE AND ARTICULATE, WE
WILL NOT BE SURPRISED IF FAN SUCCEEDS IN
FOCUSING MORE CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST ON HUMAN
RIGHTS OBSERVANCE IN MALAYSIA THAT WOULD OTHERWISE
BE THE CASE.
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